

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE
SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION TO UTILIZE THE
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD THROUGH DOWNTOWN LODI FOR
THE MERCED TO SACRAMENTO COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) is conducting a service expansion analysis for commuter rail service in San Joaquin and adjacent Counties; and

WHEREAS, one of the study corridors is from Merced to Sacramento through the Lodi area, with the ideal service hoped for is to provide three peak period round trips and one mid-day round trip. Two possible rail line routes that SJRRRC is looking at is the Union Pacific main line that runs through Downtown Lodi with the other being the former Western Pacific Line (now owned by Union Pacific) that runs to the west of Lodi in undeveloped areas; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that such a commuter rail corridor have its stations in populated urban areas to promote ridership and to provide incentives for transit oriented housing around the stations. Using a rail line with stations in undeveloped rural areas would promote sprawl and would impose a locational barrier resulting in lower ridership; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2006, SJRRRC presented a Shirtsleeve presentation of its service expansion analysis and discussed its methodology and project schedule, and it is important for viable ridership volumes for the rail line and stations to be located where the public can easily access and use the rail service. A Downtown Lodi station would utilize the multi-modal station and support the Downtown and Downtown Transit Oriented Residential Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby requests the SJRRRC to utilize the Union Pacific Railroad through Downtown Lodi for the Merced to Sacramento Commuter Rail Service.

Dated: December 20, 2006

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2006-228 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held December 20, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Hansen, Hitchcock, Katzakian, Mounce, and Mayor Johnson

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None



RANDI JOHL
City Clerk